

[Translation]

Telecast of Tribal and Folk Dances of Garhwal.

7004. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to telecast programmes tribal and Folk Dances of Chamoli, Garhwal in the morning transmission on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, when the said proposal was received and by when it is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether any priority is given by the Government in regard to clearing such proposal received from the backward Adivasis and Scheduled Tribes dominated regions; and

(d) if not the reasons for the delay in clearing the said proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The proposal was received in February, 1990. It will be taken up for consideration in its turn keeping in mind Doordarshan's overall programme requirements from time to time.

(c) No, Sir.

[English]

Handling Staff of Vayudoot

7005. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot has no handling staff of its own;

(b) whether this work has been entrusted to private contractors;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to do away with the system of contracting private agents; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Where the volume of business does not justify opening of its own office, Vayudoot entrusts the ticketing handling work to agents appointed for the purpose.

(c) and (d). Commercial and operational considerations do not at present permit Vayudoot to open offices at all the stations on its network.

Gold and Silver Deposits

7006. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places in Southern region surveyed by the Geological Survey of India for gold ore during the last three years and results achieved;

(b) whether any further studies were conducted in this region;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any exploration has been done since then; and

(e) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) During the last three